

## **AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claims 2, 4-6, 18, 19, 27-29, 33, 36-38, and 40 as shown.

1. **(Original)** A toner composition having a post-blended particulate additive which comprises aluminium oxide and aluminium hydroxide.
2. **(Currently amended)** A toner composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the total amount of ~~post-blended~~ aluminium oxide and aluminium hydroxide is in the range of from 0.1 to 25% by weight, based on the weight of the toner composition without the additive.
3. **(Previously presented)** A toner composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ratio by weight of aluminium hydroxide to aluminium oxide in the post-blended additive is in the range of from 1 : 99 to 99 : 1.
4. **(Currently amended)** A toner composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the particle size of each of the ~~post-blended~~ aluminium oxide and the ~~aluminum~~ -hydroxide is in the range of from 0.01 to 10 microns.
5. **(Currently amended)** A toner composition as claimed in claim 4, wherein the particle size of the ~~post-blended~~ aluminum oxide is  $\leq 0.2$  microns.
6. **(Currently amended)** A toner composition as claimed in claim 4, wherein the particle size of the ~~post-blended~~ aluminum hydroxide is from 0.9 to 1.3 microns.
7. **(Previously presented)** A toner composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the post-blended particulate additive further includes a tribo-charging additive which, upon tribo-charging of the toner particulates, shifts the charge distribution in either the positive or negative direction as compared with the charge distribution in the absence of the additive.

8. **(Previously presented)** A toner composition as claimed in claim 7, wherein the tribo-charging additive comprises a silica.
9. **(Original)** A toner composition as claimed in claim 7, wherein the tribo-charging additive comprises a wax.
10. **(Previously presented)** A toner composition as claimed in claim 7, wherein the particle size of the tribo-charging additive is in the range of from 0.01 to 10 microns.
11. **(Previously presented)** A toner composition as claimed in claim 7, wherein the total amount of the post-blended particulate additive is in the range of from 0.1 to 25% by weight.
12. **(Previously presented)** A toner composition as claimed in claim 7, wherein the tribo-charging additive constitutes from 1 to 99% by weight of the total post-blended particulate additive.
13. **(Previously presented)** A toner composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the toner composition comprises particles consisting of a resin, a colouring agent, optionally a charge-control agent, and optionally a wax.
14. **(Previously presented)** A toner composition as claimed in claim 13, wherein the proportion of resin in the composition is in the range of from 40 to 99% by weight, based on the total weight of the composition without post-blended additive.
15. **(Previously presented)** A toner composition as claimed in claim 13, wherein the proportion of colouring agent in the composition is in the range of 1 to 60% by weight, based on the total weight of the composition without post-blended additive.

16. **(Previously presented)** A toner composition as claimed in claim 13, wherein the proportion of charge-control agent incorporated in the toner particles is from 0 to 10% by weight, based on the total weight of the composition without post-blended additive.

17. **(Previously presented)** A toner composition as claimed in claim 13, wherein the proportion of wax incorporated in the toner particles is from 0 to 5% by weight, based on the total weight of the composition without post-blended additive.

18. **(Currently amended)** A toner composition having a post-blended particulate additive which comprises aluminium oxide and aluminium hydroxide, ~~as claimed in claim~~ 4, wherein  $d(v)_{90}$  for the composition without post-blended additive is  $\leq 30$  microns.

19. **(Currently amended)** A toner composition as claimed in claim 18, wherein the mean particle size of the toner composition without post-blended additive is in the range of from 5 to 8 microns.

20. **(Previously presented)** A developer composition which comprises a toner composition as claimed in claim 1, in admixture with carrier particles.

21. **(Original)** A developer composition as claimed in claim 20, wherein the carrier particles are formed of a conductive material.

22. **(Previously presented)** A developer composition as claimed in claim 21, wherein the carrier particles are formed of a ferrite iron powder or magnetite.

23. **(Previously presented)** A developer composition as claimed in claim 20, wherein  $d(v)_{90}$  for the carrier particles is 50, 60, 70, 80, 90 or 100 microns.

24. **(Previously presented)** An electrostatic copying or printing process comprising application of the toner composition of claim 1.
25. **(Previously presented)** An electrostatic copying or printing process comprising application of the developer composition of claim 20.
26. **(Previously presented)** A toner composition as claimed in claim 8, wherein the tribo-charging additive comprises a hydrophobic silica or a wax coated silica.
27. **(Currently amended)** A toner composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the total amount of ~~post-blended~~ aluminium oxide and aluminium hydroxide is in the range of from 1 to 15% by weight, based on the weight of the toner composition without the additive.
28. **(Currently amended)** A toner composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the total amount of ~~post-blended~~ aluminium oxide and aluminium hydroxide is  $\leq 10\%$  by weight, based on the weight of the toner composition without the additive.
29. **(Currently amended)** A toner composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the total amount of ~~post-blended~~ aluminium oxide and aluminium hydroxide is in the range of from 2 to 4% by weight, based on the weight of the toner composition without the additive.
30. **(Previously presented)** A toner composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ratio by weight of aluminium hydroxide to aluminium oxide in the post-blended additive is in the range of from 50 : 50 to 99 : 1.
31. **(Previously presented)** A toner composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ratio by weight of aluminium hydroxide to aluminium oxide in the post-blended additive

is in the range of from 50 : 50 to 80: 20.

32. **(Previously presented)** A toner composition as claimed in claim 7, wherein the total amount of the post-blended particulate additive is  $\leq 10\%$  by weight.

33. **(Currently amended)** A toner composition as claimed in claim 7, wherein the total amount of the post-blended particulate additive is in the range of from 2 to 4% by weight.

34. **(Previously presented)** A toner composition as claimed in claim 7, wherein the tribo-charging additive constitutes from 1 to 70% by weight of the total post-blended particulate additive.

35. **(Previously presented)** A toner composition as claimed in claim 7, wherein the tribo-charging additive constitutes from 15 to 25% by weight of the total post-blended particulate additive.

36. **(Currently amended)** A toner composition having a post-blended particulate additive which comprises aluminium oxide and aluminium hydroxide, ~~as claimed in claim~~ 4, wherein  $d(v)_{90}$  for the composition without post-blended additive is  $\leq 20$  microns.

37. **(Currently amended)** A toner composition as claimed in claim ~~4~~36, wherein  $d(v)_{90}$  for the composition without post-blended additive is  $\leq 15$  microns.

38. **(Currently amended)** A toner composition as claimed in claim ~~4~~37, wherein  $d(v)_{90}$  for the composition without post-blended additive is 10-15 microns.

39. **(Previously presented)** A toner composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the toner composition has toner particles having particle sizes greater than that of each of the aluminium oxide and aluminium hydroxide in the post-blended particulate additive.

**40. (Currently amended)** A toner composition having a post-blended particulate additive which comprises aluminium oxide and aluminium hydroxide as claimed in claim 1, wherein:

i) the toner composition, without the post-blended additive, has a mean particle size in the range of from 5 to 8 microns;

ii) the toner composition, without the post-blended additive, has a  $d(v)_{90} \leq 15$  microns;

iii) the ~~post-blended~~ aluminium oxide has a particle size  $\leq 0.2$  microns; and

iv) the ~~post-blended~~ aluminium hydroxide has particle size of from 0.9 to 1.3 microns.

**41. (Previously presented)** A toner composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the post-blended particulate additive further comprises a tribo-charging additive, and wherein the toner composition has toner particles having particle sizes greater than that of each of the aluminium oxide and aluminium hydroxide in the post-blended particulate additive.

**42. (Previously presented)** A toner composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the post-blended particulate additive further comprises a tribo-charging additive, and wherein:

i) the toner composition, without the post-blended additive, has a mean particle size in the range of from 5 to 8 microns;

ii) the toner composition, without the post-blended additive, has a  $d(v)_{90} \leq 15$  microns; and

iii) the post-blended aluminium oxide and aluminium hydroxide has a particle size in the range of from 0.1 to 10 microns.

**43. (Previously presented)** A toner composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the post-blended particulate additive further comprises a tribo-charging additive, and wherein the toner composition has toner particles having particle sizes greater than that

of each of the aluminium oxide, the aluminium hydroxide and the tribo-charging additive in the post-blended particulate additive.

**44. (Previously presented)** A toner composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the post-blended particulate additive further comprises a tribo-charging additive, and wherein:

i) the toner composition, without the post-blended additive, has a mean particle size in the range of from 5 to 8 microns;

ii) the toner composition, without the post-blended additive, has a  $d(v)_{90} \leq 15$  microns; and

iii) each component of the post-blended additive has a particle size in the range of from 0.1 to 10 microns.

**45. (Previously presented)** A toner composition according to claim 44, wherein the tribo-charging additive comprises a silica.

**46. (Previously presented)** A toner composition according to claim 45, wherein the tribo-charging additive comprises a hydrophobic silica.

**47. (Previously presented)** A toner composition having a post-blended particulate additive which comprises aluminium oxide and aluminium hydroxide:

i) the toner composition, without the post-blended additive, having a mean particle size in the range of from 5 to 8 microns;

ii) the toner composition, without the post-blended additive, having a  $d(v)_{90} \leq 15$  microns; and

iii) the post-blended aluminium oxide and aluminium hydroxide having a particle size in the range of from 0.1 to 10 microns.

**48. (Previously presented)** A developer composition which comprises a toner composition as claimed in claim 47, in admixture with carrier particles.

**49. (Previously presented)** A toner composition according to claim 48, further comprising a tribo-charging additive.

**50. (Previously presented)** A toner composition according to claim 49, wherein the tribo-charging additive comprises a silica.

**51. (Previously presented)** A toner composition as claimed in claim 13, wherein the proportion of resin in the composition is in the range of from 60 to 99% by weight, based on the total weight of the composition without post-blended additive.

**52. (Previously presented)** A toner composition as claimed in claim 13, wherein the proportion of resin in the composition is in the range of from 80 to 99% by weight, based on the total weight of the composition without post-blended additive.